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### **NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS** **MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015**

#### **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

#### **I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Board Chair, opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice-Chair  
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary  
Sean Evers, Ph.D., Board Member  
Alan Groveman, Ph.D., Board Member  
Michael A. Siglag, Ph.D., Board Member  
Valerie D. Scott, Ed.D., Board Member

##### **Absent:**

Anne R. Farrar-Anton, Ph.D., Board Member

##### **Also Attending:**

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative

### **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Dr. Walker informed the Board that Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst, will discuss the new law requiring continuing education for psychologist and the process regarding the adoption of new regulations.

### **IV. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the November 2, 2015 open session minutes.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to approve the November 2, 2015 public minutes, as amended. Voting in favor: all.*

### **V. REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATIONS**

*Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into executive session for discussion of the jurisprudence examinations. The Board returned to open session.*

#### **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.*

#### **November 30, 2015 9:30 A.M. Jurisprudence Examination**

*Solomon Barry, Psy.D.*

*Victoria Brady, Psy.D.*

*Lauren Gashlin, Psy.D.*

*Wendy Lichtenthal, Ph.D.*

*Sarah Lynn, Ph.D.*

*Erika Oak, Psy.D.*

*Amanda Reber, Psy.D.*

*Maria Perez Ridley, Psy.D.*

*Maria Wedin, Ph.D.*

#### **November 30, 2015 1:30 P.M. Jurisprudence Examination**

*Rachel Amodio, Psy.D.*

*Joseph Gautilli, Ph.D.*

*Jennifer Dave, Ph.D.*

*Melissa Gaidis, Psy.D.*

*Kristina McGuire, Psy.D.*

*Anneli Riismaa, Psy.D.*

*Sara Scimeme, Psy.D.*

*Michelle Victoria, Ph.D.*

### **VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the three-year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology. Voting in favor: all.*

*Elizabeth Tomasulo, Psy.D.*

*Sarah Dougherty, Psy.D.*

*Sarah Dove, Ph.D.*

*Jennifer Kennedy, Psy.D.*

*Karen Schwartz, Ph.D.*

*Jaclyn Hogrebe, Psy.D.*

*Zenia Rby Conti, Psy.D.*

*Emily Hart, Ph.D.*

*Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the following candidates were unanimously approved for the one-year temporary permit for the **unsupervised** practice of psychology. Voting in favor: all.*

*Brian Legg, Psy.D.*

*Claire McGrath, Ph.D.*

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. Memo from Darlene Kane, Budget Officer, DCA**

The Board reviewed the FY2015 Budget Report.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **2. Letter from Srishti Reddy, Psy.D., TP# 133-009**

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Reddy requesting an extension of her three (3) year permit, which will expire on January 16, 2016. Dr. Reddy did not explain in her letter why she was requesting the extension.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Siglag, the Board voted to have Dr. Reddy inform the Board her reason for requesting the extension. Voting in favor: all.*

### **3. Letter from Christine Denario, Psy.D., TP# 123-003**

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Denario requesting an extension of her three (3) year permit, which will expire on January 3, 2015. Dr. Denario stated that given her current caseload, she would not be able to complete the required number of supervised hours before her permit expires.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Evers, and seconded by Dr. Siglag, the Board voted to approve Dr. Denario for a one (1) year extension, so that she may complete the hours and all other licensure requirements. Dr. Denario's permit will now expire on January 3, 2016. Voting in favor: all.*

### **4. Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board (CFNFRB)**

The Board reviewed the letter from the CFNFRB asking for a response in addressing the recommendations made for improved coordination and collaboration in and among state and local agencies for the purpose of preventing child deaths in the future and to improve services and care for children.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Scott, the Board voted to defer the request from the CFNFRB to the continuing education regulations committee to recommend new regulations for continuing education; (see below under regulatory review). Voting in favor: all.*

### **5. Response from Cara Church, Ph.D., TP# 143-026**

The Board reviewed Dr. Church's response regarding her work at Easter Seals, which is not a Bona Fide Community Agency pursuant to the Board's regulations. Dr. Church was to provide a letter from her supervisor indicating he agreed to supervise her work at Easter Seals.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to approve Dr. Allen Blasucci as Dr. Church's supervisor from the date of the letter submitted, November 23, 2015. Voting in favor: all.*

### **6. Letter from Rakhee Wasiulla, Ph.D., TP# 103-040**

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Wasiulla requesting an extension of her three (3) year temporary permit, which will expire on December 19, 2015. Dr. Wasiulla stated that she will not have accrued the total required hours when her permit expires.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve*

*Dr. Wasiulla for a one (1) year extension, so that she may complete the hours and all other licensure requirements. Dr. Wasiulla's permit will now expire on December 19, 2016. Voting in favor: all.*

**7. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) & Email**

The Board reviewed information regarding a subscription to Gmail being HIPAA compliant. The Board accepted this as informational.

**VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES**

**1. Ayanna Towers, Psy.D./ Patrick Connelly, Psy.D., supervisor**

Dr. Towers appeared before a Committee of the Board to discuss her plans for retaking the E.P.P.P. Dr. Towers' permit will expire on September 24, 2016.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve Dr. Towers' plan for retaking the E.P.P.P., with a recommendation to work with her supervisor to reduce her clinical caseload from Haven School. Dr. Towers does not need a permit extension. Voting in favor: all.*

**2. Lauren Cuomo, Psy.D./ Wanda Edwards, Psy.D., supervisor**

Dr. Cuomo appeared before a Committee of the Board to discuss her plans for retaking the E.P.P.P. Dr. Cuomo's permit will expire on November 15, 2016.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield, and seconded by Dr. Evers, the Board voted to approve Dr. Cuomo's plan for retaking the E.P.P.P., with no changes to current caseload. Dr. Cuomo does not need a permit extension at the present time. Voting in favor: all.*

**3. Tishanna Majette, Ph.D./ Hulon Newsome, Psy.D., supervisor**

Dr. Majette appeared before a Committee of the Board to discuss her plans for retaking the E.P.P.P. Dr. Majette's permit will expire on September 20, 2016. Dr. Majette is currently not working and inquired about placing her permit on hold.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, and seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board voted to inform Dr. Majette that she can place her permit on hold. If she reactivates her permit, the time remaining will start again from the day of reactivation. If Dr. Majette works in a non-exempt setting with an outside supervisor, she would need to keep her permit active. Voting in favor: all.*

**4. Elizabeth Battinelli, Ph.D./ Dennis Sandrock, Ph.D., supervisor**

Dr. Battinelli voluntarily returned her permit, as her hours were completed.

**IX. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

*None to review.*

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**1. Dennis Finger, Ed.D., New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)**

*Dr. Finger thanked Dr. Brickfield and Dr. Friedman for their ten (10) years of service to the Board.*

## **XI. REGULATORY REVIEW**

### **1. Continuing Education P.L. 2015, c.131**

The Board reviewed the new law for continuing education (CE) for the Board of Psychological Examiners, with regulatory analyst Chuck Manning. Mr. Manning presented the Board with an outline of the process for proposing and adopting new regulations.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Scott, the Board voted to form a Continuing Education Regulation Committee, to draft proposed regulations and to review the topics concerning the following:*

*If licensed during the first biennially, what should the continuing education requirements be?; who should approve the CE courses - state organizations - or outside entities; how should CE audits be done; add language to enforce additional CE's due to violations; is CE's carryover appropriate, and if so, how much; what would inactive status include? The Board voted to form a Committee of Dr. Groveman, (Chair), Dr. Scott, Dr. Siglag, and Dr. Evers. Voting in favor: all.*

### **2. Assembly Bill 4702**

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 4702 which provides that if a minor appears to have been sexually assaulted, health care professionals in addition to physicians may authorize forensic sexual assault examinations and urgent medical care without parental consent.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Groveman, and seconded by Dr. Scott, the Board voted to take a neutral position on the bill, and comment that the bill is broad and the term minor needs to be more clearly defined. Voting in favor: all.*

## **XII. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

### **1. I/M/O Pamela LiVecchi, Psy.D.**

Dr. LiVecchi appeared before the Board to request re-issue of her permit per the Consent Order, which was issued in 2013. The terms of the Consent Order stated that she engaged in professional misconduct, was given a formal reprimand, and was to surrender her permit. The Consent Order further stated that Dr. LiVecchi could not engage in the practice of psychology in the state of New Jersey for a minimum of two (2) years from the filing date of the order. Dr. LiVecchi was to complete a Board approved ethics course covering counter-transference issues, which she did complete. Upon completion of the Consent Order, Dr. LiVecchi must work under supervision for an additional two years after the date of the new permit being issued.

*The Board moved the discussion of Dr. LiVecchi's Consent Order to executive session.*

## **XIII. MEETING DATES PROPOSED FOR 2016**

*January 4, 2016  
February 1, 2016  
March 7, 2016  
April 4, 2016  
May 2, 2016  
June 6, 2016  
July 11, 2016  
August 8, 2016  
September 12, 2016*

*October 3, 2016  
November 7, 2016  
December 5, 2016*

**XIV. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon motion by Dr. Evers, seconded by Dr. Groveman, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:03 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.*

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion by Dr. Scott, seconded by Dr. Siglag, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Voting in favor: all.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.  
**Secretary**

APPROVED BY:

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Date: Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.  
**Chair**